

Minutes of the Veneta City Council

June 11, 2007

Council

Present: Mayor T. J. Brooker, Thomas Cotter, Marion Esty, Darrell Carman, and Sharon Hobart-Hardin

Others:

Ric Ingham, City Administrator; Jerri Moore, Finance Director; Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder; Russell Poppe, City Attorney; Joan Mariner, Mona Linstromberg; Chris Hinzmann, Linda Kimberly, and Petra Redchuk of Charter Communications

Mayor Brooker called the Veneta City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Mariner, 25712 Cochran Ct., Veneta, OR;

Ms. Mariner attended the Oregon Urban Forester conference in Salem last week. She provided the Council with information from the conference on the economic benefits of urban forests and open spaces. She said the Oregon State University research study is relevant to Veneta's tree code discussions because planting and sustaining urban forests do not adversely effect a city's development. She asked staff to provide a copy of her handout to the Planning Commission.

Mona Linstromberg, 87140 Territorial Rd., Veneta, OR;

Ms. Linstromberg spoke about the Veneta Tree Ordinance. She attended the stakeholder meeting and the joint work session of the City Council and the Planning Commission. She thanked Mayor Brooker for defending Douglas Fir trees and felt they are getting a bad rap as a scenic tree. She said our City has many beautiful Douglas Fir trees in both commercial and residential areas. She commented that years of back flushing the chlorinated water from the City pool may have contributed to the dead Douglas Fir trees in the City Park. She commented on the federal grant application to study transportation and environmental resource issues on the Highway 126 corridor between West Eugene and Veneta (which is on the agenda). She hoped the proposed grant would allow for public input and looks to the future for alternative transportation for this sensitive area. She hoped the City agreed that the last thing we need is another west Eugene Parkway boondoggle.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPROVED 2007/08 BUDGET

- a. Open Hearing: Mayor Brooker opened the public hearing.
- b. Declaration of Conflict of Interest or Ex-Parte Contacts: None
- c. Staff Report (Jerri Moore)

Jerri Moore reported that staff complied with Oregon Budget Law in the preparation of the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget. Two Budget Committee meeting notices were published in the West Lane News and two Budget Committee meetings were held. The Budget Committee approved the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget at the May 17, 2007 meeting. Staff is requesting the Council approve Resolution 943 adopting the Operating budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

- d. Mayor Brooker closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

- (1) **Resolution 943** - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008; IMPOSING TAXES; SPECIFYING APPROPRIATIONS; AND CATEGORIZING TAXES IMPOSED.

MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to approve Resolution 943.
Darrell Carman seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Thomas Cotter seconded the motion.

Vote: Marion Esty, aye; Thomas Cotter, aye; Mayor Brooker, aye; Darrell Carman, aye; and Sharon Hobart-Hardin, aye.

The consent agenda as approved included minutes for May 29, 2007, Bills Payable for May, 2007, and the Public Works Monthly Report for May, 2007.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FROM MAYOR/COUNCILORS

Marion Esty said the school district continues to remain optimistic with regard to the Peer Court discontinuing.?????

Sharon Hobart-Hardin said the Parks Board met last week and followed up on the Easter Egg Hunt. Logan Loftus provided a thorough handbook for coordinating future Easter Egg Hunts. The Park Board is reviewing three landscape architects' proposals for Ralph Johnson Park and will present their decision to the Urban Renewal Agency. Fundraising efforts were discussed in hopes to raise \$20,000. The Park Board received a Wings and Wine follow up from Ric. They would like to continue to expand this event and they see a potential for Wings and Wine becoming a signature event for the area. Creating a Garden Club was discussed which would be an extension of the Parks Board. The main focus of the Club would be to maintain the City's parks so when the "Adopt A Park" program is implemented, the Garden Club would play a major role in that program.

Mayor Brooker said he and Ric will attend a meeting on Monday, June 18, 2007 with Lane Transit District (LTD) to discuss future plans for the City's public transportation.

Marion Esty said large boulders had been placed in front of the play area at Fern Park. She said prior to the boulder placement, vehicles were driving in the park. She asked staff to thank the appropriate persons responsible for the boulder placement.

b. COUNCIL/COMMITTEE LIAISONS

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. CITY ADMINISTRATOR** RIC INGHAM
(1) Charter Communication Request to Extend Site Lease
Ric introduced Russell Poppe, legal counsel for the City's telecommunications

issues. He said the City entered into a three year microwave tower lease agreement with Charter Communications in September, 2001 that included an option to renew the lease for an additional two years. At the end of the renewal term, Charter Communications was to remove all equipment within 90 days. At the same time the microwave tower lease agreement was expiring, Charter Communication's franchise agreement with the City was due to expire. City staff and legal counsel met with Charter Communications through the Fall of 2006 and into 2007 to resolve and renew the contracts. Numerous discussions between the parties failed to resolve and renew the franchise agreement as well as the microwave tower lease agreement. In March 2007 it was decided to separate the two issues and resolve the microwave tower lease agreement first and then the franchise agreement. Ric provided the Council with four policy questions: 1). Does the Council wish to hold a public hearing in conjunction with the lease renewal process; 2). Does the Council wish to extend or let the microwave tower lease agreement expire?; 3). If the Council was to extend the microwave tower lease agreement, what terms would they be seeking? Would new terms include migrating the cable feed to fiber optics if it became available and financially viable for Charter to do so? and; 4) If the Council was to extend the microwave tower lease agreement, are there any new conditions they would want to include for use of the site?

Staff recommended the Council agree to a two year renewal with an optional one year extension on the microwave tower lease agreement.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ric said the only action requested from the Council tonight is the renewal of the microwave tower lease agreement; not the franchise agreement or fiber optics projects. He said when the negotiations began in the fall of 2006, both the franchise agreement and the microwave tower lease agreement needed to be renewed.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman, Ric said in 2001 when the five year lease was signed, Falcon Cable owned the cable company. Charter Communications took over and upgraded the facility. In order to enhance the signal and services, a temporary tower was placed on Dogwood Lane. After three years and possibly five years, the plan was to remove the equipment with the intent to replace it with a fiber feed into Veneta.

Sharon Hobart-Hardin said what happened five years ago isn't relevant today. She is still optimistic about fiber optics and believe we could still incorporate them into negotiations with Charter Communications. She would like to have a lease provision include fiber optics.

Marion Esty said it's in Charter Communication's best interest to provide the services they can. She said Florence has a wider and better selection of channel than Veneta does.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ric said in September 2001 the monthly lease amount was \$25. Beginning in October, 2006, it increased to \$250 per month. Beginning October, 2007 it will be \$257.50 per month. Ric stated the

City and Charter Communications entered into a temporary agreement to be retroactive from September, 2006 to September, 2007.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Russell Poppe said tonight's Council discussion does not include Charter Communication's performance or fiber optic options. Tonight's policy issues include whether Councilors want the microwave tower lease agreement to end earlier if fiber optics became available. He said fiber optics availability was discussed with Charter Communications. He said limiting the lease agreement to two years with a one year extension could open fiber optic opportunities for the City if they were available at that time. Mr. Poppe said there are two ways to accomplish the same goal; 1). The City could have a provisional lease to include when fiber optics became available, the City would hook up to it and the lease will terminate within a certain period of time. It may not be available city wide. 2). The City will sign a two year lease and renegotiate the fiber optic issue at the end of the lease. If at that time fiber optics are available and reasonable then the lease may not be extended. He said having a short term lease keeps the City in a position to take a look at their options. In the meantime, he felt Charter Communications risks lost market share over time by not providing fiber optics.

Chris Hinzmann, Operations Manager from Charter Communications introduced Linda Kimberly and Petra Redchuk. He proposed a five year microwave tower lease agreement to the City.

Mayor Brooker said the City would like to stay as current as possible with technology in order to provide the best possible service to Veneta residents. He said Ric's recommendation tries to accomplish that and its to the City's advantage to keep their options open. The City is leaning toward signing an agreement with a shorter lease period in order to keep the options open when it comes to fiber optics. He asked Chris to explain the advantages of signing a five year lease.

Chris said it's all cost prohibitive. It could take five years to research fiber optic installation. In today's market the cost to build their own fiber optic line would be \$500,000; moving the tower would be \$150,000; acquiring a yearly lease from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) would be \$30,000. He said there are 485 Charter Communications subscribers within the City of Veneta with additional subscribers in outlying areas. Fees charged to those customers do not include use of the tower. Mr. Hinzmann said the Veneta market doesn't warrant those high installation costs.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Mr. Hinzmann said in the last two years Charter Communications had worked on bringing fiber to the Veneta area by discussing leasing LCOG's and the BPA's fiber lines and conducting research.

In response to questions from Mayor Brooker, Mr. Hinzmann said Charter Communications serves Noti, Elmira and Veneta from the Dogwood Lane tower but not Crow and other Fern Ridge areas. The cost of serving outlying areas is based on cost per mile, which is very expensive. He said if an economical fiber came to the City or if the City were to get a fiber line and if it was attractive to

Charter, it's possible they would be interested in providing services. But it would depend on cost and the market share at that time, along with many other factors.

Linda Kimberly said Charter Communications is in the business of providing communication services to their customers with the best possible advanced services they can offer but they are running a business and it needs to make business sense. She said the technology improves daily. She said if they can't provide a specific service today, it doesn't mean it won't be available a year from now. She said the Council is asking good questions but they're not able to give direct answers because the technology changes. They would like to look at every option out there and try to make it work for our area.

In response to questions from Darrell Carman, Mr. Hinzmann said the advantage of fiber optics is the ability to deliver massive amounts of two way communications and signals a very long distance. The signal is clear with no microwave interference. It's moving information by light. He said downfalls are not only the cost of installation but if the fiber is cut or damaged the repair time is extended because the fiber optic line requires fusing the severed ends and making sure there is enough slack in the line to accommodate the fusion. He said providing fiber to those who desire it depends on the cost.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Mr. Poppe said the Veneta market will not support two cable companies. He said the franchise is not exclusive so it's possible another cable company could come in. However, as long as the area remains served, he doesn't see another cable company coming in. That would create somewhat of a dilemma, if another cable company doesn't have interest in providing service until we're not served. If Council desired an immediate change, there would probably be a very uncomfortable period dealing with existing Charter Communication subscribers.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Mr. Hinzmann said currently Charter Communications does not offer email but they do offer digital services, analog services and one way service.

Ric said advanced services consist of Internet, IP Internet over the phone and some of those services can only be offered with fiber optics.

Thomas Cotter said the service is better than what it used to be but felt Charter Communications still suffers an image problem within the City and felt they haven't done very much to improve their image. He felt in response to losing customers to satellites, Charter Communications raised their rates. He felt it was hard to believe that a town of 4,000 only has 485 subscribers.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Linda Kimberly said the last update was in 2001-02.

Mayor Brooker said it's the Councils' job to provide the best possible services for residents. At this time, we don't have other alternatives. Until we can find a provider for fiber optics in our community, which is a goal for the Council, it's to

our advantage not to commit to a long term lease when we want options at our disposal. He said Councilors' options are to renew Charter Communications' proposed five year lease with a graduated monthly lease rate, take Ric's recommendation of a two year lease with an optional one year extension or Councilors could provide a recommendation of their own.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman, Ric said when Falcon/Charter Communications approached the City in 2001, the service was going to be improved and upgraded to attract more subscribers. It was the City's understanding the microwave tower would be on a temporary basis. The initial low cost of the "temporary tower" benefitted the City. Much advancement has occurred in cell tower lease agreements since that time. Based on Mr. Poppe and Ric's research of costs beyond five years, those are market rates.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ric said if a public hearing were held to allow public feedback, it's important to limit the discussion to the microwave tower lease agreement.

Thomas Cotter said when a lease is signed for dispensing a product, then competition is cut off, there's no opportunity for competitive comparison.

Ric said there are several options for residents to take advantage of. There are two satellite companies to choose from and Digital Subscriber Loop (DSL) is provided by Quest.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Mayor Brooker said if they chose to hold a public hearing, the discussion needs to be limited to the microwave tower lease agreement only. Thomas Cotter felt there are matters residents should hear. Mayor Brooker said the franchise agreement is a different animal. Thomas Cotter agreed. Mayor Brooker said a public comment on the franchise agreement would be appropriate. Councilors need to decide whether to continue the microwave tower lease on City property. Sharon Hobart-Hardin said an appropriate compromise would be the two year microwave tower lease with an option for a third year.

Petra Redchuk said the first franchise draft was sent to City of Veneta in 2006. If Councilors approved a two year microwave tower lease agreement, Charter Communications would make the franchise agreement the same terms. If they do not have the microwave tower lease agreement, and no other economically viable alternative exists, Charter Communications would need to consider whether or not they would continue service. If that is the case, they cannot have a franchise agreement extending beyond the term of the microwave tower lease. Whatever terms Councilors decide for the microwave tower lease agreement will be the same terms for the franchise agreement.

Ric said negotiations have taken over nine months to acquire a franchise agreement from Charter Communications and no guarantee the City will have a franchise agreement in two or three years. Charter Communications is requesting a longer lease in order to negotiate the franchise agreement. Ric said at the same

time the microwave tower lease agreement expired, Chamber Communications sent a franchise agreement for renewal.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ric said another option would be to sign an extension of the microwave tower lease agreement through September, 2007. He said it's not imperative Councilors make a decision today. If there are unanswered questions or more information is needed, he would provide that.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman, Ric said if the microwave tower lease agreement is for a shorter period of time, the City would be more prone to bring fiber in and would likely engage a partner (Charter Communications or another provider) and discuss the fiber issues.

In response to Darrell Carman's question, Russell Poppe said technology advances quickly, the City may not want to commit to a five year lease and take the chance of losing the window of opportunity to possibly negotiate with another company offering fiber optics. He said the City has a pivotal amount of control with the tower site.

Mr. Hinzmann said the tower doesn't prohibit anyone else coming in and building another tower.

Darrell Carman felt if Councilors chose a two year microwave tower lease agreement, they may be in the same predicament then as they are now. He said two years doesn't give Charter Communications much time to do fiber optic research and suggested signing a five year microwave tower lease agreement.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Mr. Hinzmann said if the City signed a shorter lease period, the franchise term would have to be the same. The franchise agreement is none exclusive.

Thomas Cotter said he would be willing to accept a two year lease with a one year option.

Darrell Carman didn't see any adverse reasons for not signing a five year lease. Mayor Brooker agreed but he wants to give Ric's recommendation credibility in the sense that it would allow the City to have some pressure that can be applied for a shorter lease period but he isn't sure that is being accomplished.

Marion Esty agreed to a short term for the time being. However, she felt technology is always changing and the short term microwave tower lease agreement may cause a problem with new residents coming to the City and not having state of the art technology available.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Petra Redchuk said even if Councilors chose to sign a five year tower lease, the franchise agreement will still need to be negotiated. Mayor Brooker said the franchise agreement has been negotiated for the last nine months. He requested serious negotiations. Petra Redchuk said at the state and federal levels, 15 states initiated statewide

franchising legislation; meaning, they are no longer negotiating franchise agreements with individual municipalities - it's at the state level. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) issued an order at the federal level on December 20, 2006 saying that communications companies can set up shop in any town without having to negotiate with a City entity. In June, 2007, the FCC decided whether to apply the same ruling to cable companies as well. It's was a possibility cable companies would never negotiate with a City entity in the future. There were several delays in the State of Oregon because Quest was pushing for some legislation. It never came to fruition. Charter Communications complies with the franchise laws and the law says they will negotiate locally. The only reason Charter Communications needed to retype their franchise agreement, was to accommodate the City's request to work off the existing agreement, rather than use the up-to-date version they had created. She said the franchise agreement wouldn't make sense without the microwave tower lease agreement because that's the only way they can serve customers.

MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to extend the Microwave Tower Lease with Charter Communications for two years with an optional one year extension. Thomas Cotter seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

Russell Poppe thanked the Councilors for their time and excused himself from the meeting.

(2) Time Extension - Hunter Sewer Connection

Ric provided a memo regarding certain property owners on Hunter Rd. who were given a one year extension to hook up to City services by June 1, 2007. At this time, the Funaris' tentative subdivision and public improvement plans have been approved. Their sewer connection will be part of their public improvement project. The Alliance Church and Ms. Wymore will piggy back the Funari's public improvements. Mr. Brown is still working on his site plan and requested a six month extension.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman, Ric said Kyle and Jerry Elliott are monitoring the hook up to ensure the hook up is in the right location of the sewer. He said because the sewer line is deep (10 to 12 ft. below street surface) it will be cheaper for those needing to hook-up to wait for the public improvements rather than going through the asphalt and tearing up the road.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ric said the line is buried 12 ft. deep to allow for gravity flow.

MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to allow the Public Sewer Connection Time Line Extensions for four (4) Hunter Rd. Property owners until December 1, 2007. Marion Esty seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(3) Letter of Support - Hwy 126 Federal Grant Request

Ric said LCOG is requesting the City sign a letter in support for a Federal

Highway Administration grant application to study transportation and environmental resource issues on the Highway 126 corridor between Eugene's western urban growth boundary (UGB) and Veneta's western UGB. Lane Council of Government (LCOG) became aware of this grant in the past 30 days. This grant request is for "Integrating Transportation and Resource Planning to Develop an Ecosystem Based Infrastructure Project".

Ric said the grant deadline is June 22, 2007 and LCOG is requesting that the planning partners complete the grant by June 19. LCOG will be the applicant because of their experience with completing grants of this magnitude and their ability to file the application electronically.

The grant request is for \$100,000 and requires a 1:1 match ratio. ODOT is making a tentative contribution of \$49,000, the City's contribution would be \$20,000, and approximately \$30,000 is anticipated to be provided as an in-kind (non-cash) match. The project duration would be 18 to 24 months and would begin fall of 2007.

Ric suggested spreading the City's match obligation over the next three fiscal years. Lane County and ODOT are expected to provide letters of support. Lane Transit District (LTD) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been asked to provide letters of support. Staff is requesting Mayor Brooker sign a letter of support.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Ric said the request is for both the letter of support and the \$20,000 funding match.

In response to a question from Thomas Cotter, Ric said the \$20,000 would come from the Transportation Fund over the next three fiscal years, i.e., \$5,000 in 2007-2008 and split \$15,000 between 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

Mayor Brooker said by not being on the State Transportation Improvement Program developmental list (STIP) is a disadvantage for the City because it takes three to five years to get a project developed, engineered and construction through the STIP process.

Sharon Hobart-Hardin said she liked the idea that the environmental impact is being included in the study.

MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to submit a letter of support for a LCOG grant, to be signed by Mayor Brooker, and authorize matching funds of \$20,000 over a three year period if LCOG is awarded the grant. Darrell Carman seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(4) 2007-08 Fiscal-Year Work Plan

Ric provided a list of the work plan goals and criteria for prioritization in 2007 and 2008. Administrative services have been split into its own category.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Ric said rather than combine projects, it was decided to break them apart. Ric said the last category captures the two issues councilors asked staff to look into.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Ric said the intent of the communication plan is to convey the City's message and what we were trying to accomplish with a limited budget.

Sharon Hobart-Hardin said more communication with the community should be a goal for Councilors and staff.

In response to a question from Mayor Brooker, Ric said a work session could include the community communications issue.

b. FINANCE DIRECTOR JERRI MOORE

(1) **Resolution 944 - A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE CITY PROVIDES FOUR OR MORE MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to approve Resolution 944. Thomas Cotter seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(2) **Resolution 945 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUES**

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Resolution 945. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

(3) **Resolution 946 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER FEES AND RATES FOR USERS OF THE VENETA MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 922**

Jerri said the Budget Committee approved Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments to water and drainage billing rates. Resolution 946 would adjust the water rates. On page two of Resolution 946 the statement "unless such usage is less than 1,000 gallons of water" was removed from SECTION 2. Water Service Rates, 1. Water Base Charges, a. and b.

A tiered fee schedule was created for water usage above 10,000 gallons.

Jerri said the following changes were made: SECTION 4. MISCELLANEOUS FEES, 3. Penalty for turn-on without Authority: 1st Offense increased from \$10.00 to \$40.00; 2nd offense increased from \$25.00 to \$80.00; and item 10. Returned check fee has increased from \$10.00 per check to \$25.00 per check.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman, Jerri said item 4. Removal or replacement of meter at user's request has increased from \$15.00 to \$50.00. Jerri

said Kyle explained this scenario doesn't happen often. When it does, Kyle will inspect the meter. If no problems are identified, Kyle will discuss the matter with the homeowner. If there is a problem with the meter, the City will remove and replace it at no charge to the homeowner.

Ric said this has happened on occasion. If a homeowner is insistent they are not using the volume of water the meter indicates, the City will install a new meter for \$50. Darrell Carman felt this charge was too low.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman that the 20 cent per gallon increase for water usage over 10,000 gallons doesn't seem like much, Ric said percentage wise, this is about a 10% tiered increase. He said previously there was no increased cost per gallon over 10,000 gallons used.

Jerri said many homeowners stay between the 5,000 to 8,000 gallon usage range during the majority of the year but in the summer months, those figures double or more than double. There will be a 10% increase from tier 1 to tier 2 plus the summer usage increase that will create a sizable increase to the City's revenue.

Ric said the City has not completed a utility rate analysis since the plant was expanded in 2000/2001.

Darrell Carman said if a homeowner doubled his winter 10,000 gallon water usage for summer use, it would only be a 5% increase. He was concerned the rate increase for water usage over 10,000 gallons wasn't sufficient to encourage water conservation.

Jerri said without the benefit of a utility rate study, staff is hesitant to second guess raising water rates more than the above proposal at this time.

Sharon Hobart-Hardin suggested comparing the usage data next year with the utility rate study and revisit the issue at that time.

MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to approve Resolution 946 and Repeal Resolution 922. Darrell Carman seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

- (4) **Resolution 947 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STORM WATER DRAINAGE FEE FOR THE CITY OF VENETA, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 876.**

Jerri said this Resolution establishes an slightly increased monthly rate for residential and commercial users of the City's Stormwater Drainage System.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to approve Resolution 947. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

- (5) **Resolution 948 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESOURCE AND APPROPRIATING EXPENDITURE OF ODOT 2007 TRAFFIC**

SAFETY PROJECT GRANT

Jerri said this Resolution refers to the current budget year, 2006/07. The City received a \$1,000 grant to assist in the preparation of the application for the "Safe Routes to School" grant program. This resolution allows the City to accept and expend the \$1,000 grant funds before June 30, 2007.

MOTION: Darrell Carman made a motion to approve Resolution 948. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

6. OTHER

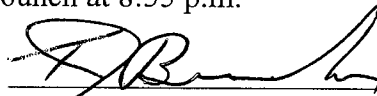
Ric said Heather Hill couldn't attend tonight's meeting but wanted to announce the outcome of the Fire Department's Safety on Wheels helmet give away. Fire District No. 1 gave away 164 helmets and received 534 lbs. of food for the Love Project. She thanked the Council for the \$400 contribution for the purchase of helmets.

Mayor Brooker wanted to discuss the Council meeting for July 23rd. Sharon Hobart-Hardin will be gone and Thomas Cotter may be gone for that meeting as well. Ric and Jerri will be gone for the June 25th meeting. Ric said a joint session with the Planning Commission is planned for July 9, 2007. The July 23rd meeting will be canceled if there are no urgent items.

Darrell Carman will be gone the end of August, 2007.

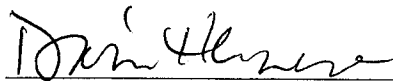
7. ADJOURN

Mayor Brooker adjourned the City Council at 8:55 p.m.



T. J. Brooker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder

(minutes prepared by dhenneman)